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December 27, 1962 - Thursday

A dull, sunless morning, the mercury unwilling to rise about 32°. The children went with Jamie to Brookneal, where they will no doubt become charged with various fizzy waters, in which David especially delights. If he reaches twenty-one with his digestion unimpaired, it will be a wonder.

We had a letter from Basil Taylor this morning, written in London on December 18, conveying almost unbelievably good news. When Paul Mellon, with astounding but characteristic generosity, lent us fine pictures for Winfield House, he told us they would have to be removed by January 1, 1963, since he had already promised them to a loan exhibition in America. Now he has picked out about fifteen pictures from his collection at Upperville, Virginia, to which he will add several already in London, to replace those withdrawn. What a benefaction!

Poker tonight. Nicky won 61 cents. He bluffs well, understands the intricacies of the play; he relishes all card games.

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I lunched with the Thai Ambassador. The function was given in honor of the Secretary-General of SEATO, Nai Pote Sarasin. I had a chance there to talk to Fred Warner about [redacted] Laotian Affairs, and to Sir Robert Scott about his recent trip to Washington. The High Commissioners or representatives in London of the SEATO countries were present.

We went to the Flemings at 7:45 for drinks and sandwiches. There was a galaxy of well-known people, including the spry 88-year old Somerset Maugham, whose current memoirs in the Sunday Express are shocking and titillating [redacted] readers. By 8:45 we were all seated at the London Pavilion, on Piccadilly Circus, for the premiere of the picture done from Ian Fleming's "Dr. No". It was a tribute to Ian and Ann that the house was packed with celebrities from the artistic, political, social, and other of the numerous worlds in London. I thought the first half of it excellent, with a series of fast, accomplished murders, as well as the spectacle of a live tarantula walking over James Bond's naked body. Fleming said the hire of this tarantula [redacted] cost the producers 30 pounds. The second half of the movie took great liberties with the text of the book. It concentrated mostly on Dr. No's plans to interfere with American missiles from Cape Canaveral. Consequently, individual horrors were soft pedalled in favor of gigantic explosions in which almost all involved were killed. It [redacted] is not a picture calculated to soothe youthful or sensitive nerves, but is great entertainment. We went to supper afterward at Les Ambassadeurs.

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October 6, 1962 - Saturday

To the office this morning. Dorothy and Buck Crawford came to lunch. In the afternoon, I worked on speeches and a review of the Department's decision to close four Consulates in England. Since the authorities in Washington decided to

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We shall, as far as one can foresee, live indefinitely under conditions of danger. To do so, we must not merely have stout hearts, but constructive ideas as to how an uneasy peace may be preserved.

The greatest present threat flows from the arms race, especially in the field of nuclear weapons. My country has persevered, in spite of repeated obstruction, in attempts to end nuclear tests, and to reach an accord on general disarmament.

Short of abandoning those elementary precautions, demanded by the duty to safeguard our national security interests, and those of the free world, we have made proposals to the Soviet Government of a character regarded as reasonable and satisfactory by all countries outside of the Soviet bloc.

Until such proposals, or their like, are adopted, mankind will continue to exist under vulnerable and fearful circumstances.

Meanwhile, the Western World will have to devote an inordindate amount of its resources and energies to protect itself against the aggressive declared intentions of Communist imperialism.

If we cast up a ~~Western~~ Western balance sheet of assets and liabilities, we have little to complain of, in the absence of a desperate decision by a potential enemy to engage the world in a fatal war.

International Communism has in some cases been contained, in others is in retreat. Nowhere have its stated expectations of giving its subjects a standard of living comparable to that of the Western World been realised.

Agricultural output in the Soviet Union and China runs far behind announced goals, while we are plagued with surpluses. In different degree, their industrial production shows no promise of catching up with that of the West, or even that of the United States alone.

The attempted subversion or conquest of other governments, or lands, has met with few successes, since the great grabs by the Soviets in the Forties.

In countries newly independent, Communist persuasions and threats have been rather unavailing.

Berlin remains a serious source of danger. The West can, should, and will defend its position there against external attack with every means, and they are overwhelming, at its command.

The situation in Cuba represents a temporary set-back for the United States, but the Soviets will find that it constitutes a heavy and unrewarding burden upon them. Their support of the mad Castro has propaganda value, but as the basis for a serious future military operation is absurd. It is like a tick on the back of a rhinoceros.

In other areas, we have kept wars under control. The neutralisation of Laos, the conservation of South Vietnamese autonomy, the failures of Soviet adventures elsewhere in Asia and Africa, attest to the diminishing force of international Communism.

In contrast, the ties between members of the Atlantic Community have been strengthened.

During the whole of past Western history, there is no parallel to the cohesion, admittedly still imperfect, that unites the interests of the civilised and prosperous countries.

The decline and fall of the Roman Empire has often been cited by pessimistic historians as adumbrating a similar decline and fall of the Modern West. Instead, old enmities have been resolved; the vitality and culture of the West have been steadily increasing.

Our political climate, unlike the Communist one, is favourable to those changes and adaptations that progressive societies must consistently

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unkempt. The Temple of Friendship in it is in sorry state, but as it is a national monument, will, I assume, be spared by the builders.

She has resided as a lessee in this place for over fifty years. At 85, she is the most alert person one could imagine, with perfect hearing, apparently equally perfect eyesight, and a keen interest in everything of a literary or artistic nature.

She has given up her salon, but seemed gratified over the approaching publication in England of a 150-page story of her life and writings. She owns masses of personal correspondence exchanged over the years between herself and people such as Rémy de Gourmont, Bernard Berenson, Marcel Proust, and many others. Apparently there are thousands of such letters, and she is now considering giving them, under proper safeguards, to a [redacted] public institution.

Just before I left, after presenting me with copies of several of her books, she sat down and drew magnificent checks as presents to Evangeline and myself. I was dumbfounded, and did not know what to say. However, she made that easy by telling me [redacted] never to refer to it.

I had tea with Mme. de Monteaudoin, at the Meurice. She is still with FBO, where I think her talents are not being fully utilized. She looked even prettier than in the past, which is a considerable compliment.

E arrived tonight, in time for dinner, and we tried out the Chambord with satisfactory results.

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October 18, 1962 - Thursday

Owing to fog in London, airplane transport between France and England has been for several days uncertain. I got up at 7:30, reached Le Bourget at 9:00; the London plane was still grounded, and instead of taking off at 10:00, left at 11:30. When we reached London Airport, we were stacked up for almost an hour, so I

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President's speech, which, in London time, was delivered at midnight. The British morning papers did not have time for editorial comment, nor will there be much such until tomorrow morning.

E and I lunched at Buckingham Palace, where the Queen entertained in honor of Laurie and Isabel Norstad, and their daughter, Mrs. Craw. The other guests were Lord Mountbatten, (Prince Philip not being present), the Homes, Antonia and Hugh Fraser, Sir Michael Adeane, Sir Mark Milbank, and Lady Margaret Hay. There was the usual excellent Palace food, with a good 1959 Moselle. I sat between the Queen and Antonia Fraser, the former of whom displayed a lively interest in the Cuban imbroglio.

The Embassy was picketed all day by placard carriers with such signs as Cuba si, Yankees no. Some of them had to be bodily removed from the lobby by the Police.

Eugene T. Kinnaly, Administrative Assistant to Speaker John McCormack, came with a friend to see me this afternoon. Since he had been associated with the legislative branch for almost 45 years, he had many stories, some of them droll, about happenings in the House of Representatives.

Robert Lutyens came to see me this afternoon. I have long considered having him paint my portrait, since I must leave one behind when I quit this post. He is an old friend, the son of Sir Edwin Lutyens, the famous architect.

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At six o'clock, I went to Archie Roosevelt's house to meet Hugh Gaitskell and George Brown, who were to be briefed on Cuba by Chet Cooper.

I called Joan Koch de Gooreynd this morning, to inquire about Peter. He had telephoned me yesterday in a state of evident excitement, saying he was under the influence of sedatives and would have to go to hospital later this week, for the removal of "part of one arm". The chief reason for his call was in reference to an article

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Ambassador DATE: October 26, 1962

FROM: Alfred Wells

SUBJECT: Breakdown of Embassy Personnel

There are 389 Americans and 429 local employees, making a total of 818, attached to this Embassy (including the Consulates).

This includes all US Government employees in the UK, but not those subject to the Status of Forces Agreement.

	American	Local	Total
Chancery building	334	349	683
Other buildings in London	33	16	49
Consulates	22	64	86
Total:	389	429	818

Agency	American	Local
State Department	130	245
USIS	16	54
Foreign Agricultural Service	5	8
Legal Attache	7	-
Treasury - Finance	5	-
Treasury - Customs	2	2
Treasury - Internal Revenue Bureau	3	-
Atomic Energy Commission	4	-
Federal Aviation Agency	6	1
AID	2	2
FBIS	3	1
Maritime Administration	1	1
USPHS	1	6
National Institute of Health	2	-
US Trade Center	1	2
POL/L	50	6
Office of Air Attache	54	20
Office of Naval Attache	15	1
Office of Army Attache	12	-
Marine Guards	15	
US Coast Guard	1	

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Robes, Lady of the Bedchamber, The Lord Steward, Gold Stick in Waiting, The Master of the Horse, Silver Stick in Waiting, as well as a number of others, including Rouge Croix Pursuivant, Fitzalan Pursuivant Extraordinary, Portcullis Pursuivant, Rouge Dragon Pursuivant, Bluemantle Pursuivant, Clarenceux King of Arms, Norroy and Ulster King of Arms, a group of Heralds, The Crown Equerry, to say nothing of such ordinary fellows as the Lord Privy Seal, the Lord President of the Council, and the Lord High Chancellor.

After the speech from the Throne, the reading of which occupied 10 minutes, E and I went to a small reception given by the Speaker and the Honorable Lady Hylton-Foster at the Speaker's House in the Palace. Lady DorothyMacmillan, the Butlers, the Macleods, the Lord Mayor of London and his wife, and half a dozen others were there, as well as a few senior members of the Diplomatic Corps. We drank champagne, nibbled at cakes, and talked. After changing my clothes, I came down to the office.

I had an appointment to see Baxter Jackson, Chairman of the Chemical New York Trust Company, but was informed at the last moment he had fallen ill.

Myer Feldman, Deputy Special Counsel to the President, came with his wife to see me. He is on his way to Israel to make a speech. We had a talk about the difficulty being experienced in selecting some one to head the organization for the implementation of the Trade Expansion Act. Jack McCloy told me he had refused it when it was offered to him. I suggested various individuals such as Paul Hoffman and Ellsworth Bunker, but stated my belief [redacted] they were too old, and preferably a man of not more than 55 should be selected. The difficulty will be to find combined in one person the desired international prestige and necessary wisdom.

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We dined with Harold and Nancy Caccia at 1, Chester Place.

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economic situation, as well as how to get things done. He should be the common-sense type--not one who speaks with a British accent and wears striped pants. He should be quick but not a "smarty", respectful but not servile. He should be cut loose from his daily responsibilities so that he and his wife are available to us the entire day and evening.

Much of the success of the trip and the impression gained by Mr. Rooney will be based upon the type of escort officer (and his wife) assigned for the occasion. I can't over-emphasize the importance of this pair to the image we are trying to build of the Foreign Service.

3. Schedule

There should be no rigorous, formalized schedule for Mr. Rooney's visit. We would like, however, some tentative suggestions as to what you think would be interesting and worthwhile for Mr. Rooney to see.

The schedule should not start before eleven in the morning. Mr. Rooney enjoys visiting the offices and walking through the whole establishment meeting officers, clerks, and local employees. He particularly enjoys having local employees with long service introduced to him.

He will also be interested in seeing the exterior, at least, of all government-owned and leased buildings, both offices and residences.

He would appreciate a short time with the Ambassador and the senior members of the staff for a general briefing on political and economic conditions. At such a briefing, he will probably not ask any questions nor initiate items for discussion.

He will wish to see the USIS offices, library, and any other special facilities they may have.

If time permits, I suggest a morning's drive to some place--a consulate perhaps--outside the capital where he could have lunch and visit local points of interest.

He is not what one would call an avid sightseer in the tourist sense, but he does enjoy and will remember all kinds of vital statistics about the country--population, politics, economics, etc. He is interested in seeing how our people live, how employees of other governments live and how the people of the country live.

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